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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER PARK OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA
(ROK) TO CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS FEBRUARY 24, 1978

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1. SOON KYU CHUN, COUNSELOR (POLITICAL) AT ROK
EMBASSY BRUSSELS CALLED ON POLAD FEBRUARY 13.
DURING CORDIAL 45 MINUTE CONVERSATION, CHUN SAID
ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK WOULD BE IN BRUSSELS
FEBRUARY 24 AND WOULD BE CALLING ON NATO SECRETARY
GENERAL LUNS. (ACCORDING TO NATO'S SECRETARIAT,
LUNS IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE PARK FOR 15 MINUTES
ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 24). THIS WAS CHUN'S
FIRST VISIT TO NATO HEADQUARTERS, AND HE WAS MUCH
INTERESTED DURING A WALK-THROUGH OF PARTS OF THE
COMPLEX.

2. CHUN, WHO BEFORE COMING TO BRUSSELS HEADED
SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS IN ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY, SAID HE HAD BEEN
ASSIGNED TO BRUSSELS IN 1976 WITH PRINCIPAL RESPONSI-
BILITY FOR MAINTAINING CLOSE LIASON WITH BELGIUM'S
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON KOREA CORE GROUP WORK.
HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND EVIDENTLY EXCELLENT FRENCH.

3. CHUN AGREED THAT ROK'S CONTINUING AND SUCCESSFUL
EFFORTS TO BUILD ITS DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR TIES
ABROAD HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN DISCOURAGING
HOSTILE ACTIVITY IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON KOREAN

QUESTION. HE SEEMED UP-TO-DATE ON PERIODIC NORTH
KOREAN OVERTURES TO GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM AS WELL
AS TO POLITICAL PARTIES IN BELGIUM.

4. CHUN WAS INTERESTED THAT NATO-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA
ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUBJECTS
HAVE BEEN ATTENDED BY INVITED NON-NATO MEMBERS IN
OBSERVER STATUS.

5. HE DID NOT RAISE US GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWAL
FROM KOREA. GLITMAN

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